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NLM Bicentennial Report

The Library is continuing its tradition of issuing annual reports with the publication of a special edition entitled *Communication in the Service of American Health. . .A Bicentennial Report from the National Library of Medicine.* In addition to covering the activities of fiscal year 1975, the report includes extensive descriptions of the role NLM has played in American medicine, beginning in 1836.

Leading off the publication is a chapter by NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., chronicling the development of American medical literature from its beginnings with a pamphlet on smallpox (1678). A second highlight is a chapter by Scott Adams, NLM Deputy Director from 1960 to 1970. Mr. Adams' chapter deals with the evolution of indexing and index publications at the Library between 1876 and 1960.

Other chapters, written by NLM staff, cover toxicological information, library operations, history of medicine collections, extramural programs, international activities, the National Medical Audiovisual Center, the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, and NLM administration.

Copies of the report have already been sent to institutional members of the Medical Library Association. Single copies may be requested from the address below: *Please enclose a self-addressed mailing label with your request.*

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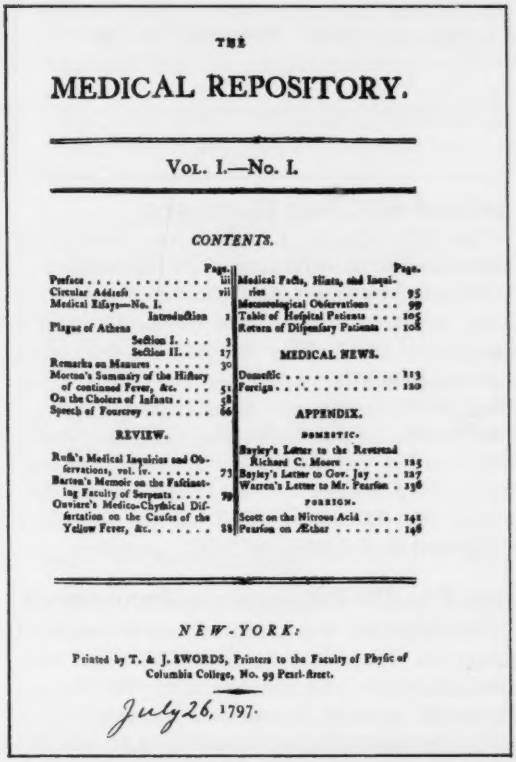

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Publication of the first American medical journal, *Medical Repository (New York, 1787)*, was a milestone in the development of American medical literature. Dr. Cummings chronicles this development in the first chapter of the Bicentennial Report.

Note to Readers . . .

The editor would like to hear from you. Are you getting duplicate issues of the *News*? Do you have suggestions for improvement? Are there subjects you would like to see discussed? Address letters to Roger Gilkeson, Editor, NLM News; or call: (301) 496-6308.

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Second SDC Suit Dismissed

The U.S. Court of Claims has decided in favor of the National Library of Medicine in a suit brought against the Library by the System Development Corporation (*News*, July and December 1975). This suit alleged that NLM had violated a license agreement contained in the contract under which the Library acquired the ELHILL II software. The decision, made March 17th, on the case "System Development Corporation v. the United States," allowed the defendant's motion for summary judgment and dismissed SDC's petition.

Two P.L. 480 Publications Announced

The Library's international communication program, sponsored under Public Law 480, constitutes an integral phase of NLM's fundamental mission to advance the health sciences by expanding and improving communication in the biomedical sciences. Through cooperative efforts with other countries to "collect, collate, translate, abstract and disseminate scientific information"—core activities authorized under Public Law 480—the NLM seeks to reduce barriers of language and national distribution patterns for biomedical communications, and to foster the development of modern, international communications networks for U. S. health science personnel.

Two recent publications resulting from support through the Public Law 480 (or "special foreign currency") program, illustrate the nature of the support:

Jablonska, Stefania (ed.) *Scleroderma and Pseudoscleroderma*. 2nd ed., Warsaw: Polish Medical Publishers, distributed from Stroudsburg, Pa., by Dowden, Hutchinson and Ross, Inc., 1975. 639 pp.

The first example is a second, enlarged edition of a major study covering the entire field of scleroderma, a severe, systemic disorder as well as a localized skin disease. Edited by Professor Stefania Jablonska, an internationally renowned dermatologist at the Warsaw School of Medicine, the book is the most complete reference work on scleroderma and scleroderma-like conditions. Separate chapters, written by eminent specialists, cover such topics as immunological and autoimmunity problems, the relationship between scleroderma and other collagen diseases, mixed connective tissue, and connective tissue metabolism.

Tuli, S. M. *Tuberculosis of the Spine*. New Delhi, Amerind, 1975. 162 pp. TT–74–52059. Available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia.

This second example deals with all aspects of tuberculosis of the spine including pathogenesis, clinical and radiological diagnosis, chemotherapeutics, and operative treatment. An attempt has been made to collate and interpret divergent views regarding efficacy of drugs, mode of treatment, and role of surgery. Extensively illustrated, the book is a reference work for students of medicine and for consultants in orthopedics, general medicine, tuberculosis, radiology, neurology, and neurosurgery.

Note: The National Library of Medicine does not distribute these publications; all correspondence regarding their distribution must be directed to the publisher.

New Literature Searches

The Library has published six new bibliographies resulting from searches of the MEDLINE data base on topics of current, popular interest (see below). A complete list of these and other Literature Searches, which are available without charge, appears in each issue of *Index Medicus* and *Abridged Index*

Medicus. When requesting Literature Searches, please include title and number, *enclose a self-addressed gummed label*, and mail to:

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LS 76–11 *Adverse effects of oral contraceptives as related to blood coagulation*. January 1974 through December 1975. 148 citations.

LS 76–12 *Trauma and cancer*. January 1973 through December 1975. 41 citations.

LS 76–13 *Attitude towards death*. January 1974 through February 1976. 156 citations.

LS 76–14 *Water fluoridation*. January 1974 through January 1976. 88 citations in English.

LS 76–15 *Hyperalimentation*. January 1974 through January 1976. 234 citations.

LS 76–16 *Radiation-induced neoplasms*. January 1974 through February 1976. 120 citations in English.

Personnel Notes

Recent gains and losses to NLM's staff are listed below.

New employee

Melvin Spann, M.S., Chemist, Specialized Information Services

Separating or retiring employees

Shiela Ford, M.A., Illustrator, National Medical Audiovisual Center

Raymond Ihndries, Chemist, Specialized Information Services

Stanley Smith, M.S.L.S., Deputy Chief, Technical Services Division, Library Operations

Sara Swijter, M.L.S., Bibliographic Services Division, Library Operations

Ben Tate, Jr., Administrative Officer, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications

Publication Notes

Current Catalog Annual, 1975

The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, has announced ordering information for the *National Library of Medicine Current Catalog, 1975 Annual Cumulation*, scheduled to appear late this month. Price: $23.00 ($28.75 foreign). HE 20.3609/3:975; S/N–017–052–00169–8. (GPO has also announced that the annual cumulation for 1974 and the six-year cumulation for 1965–70 are both out of print. The Library plans to produce a five-year cumulation covering 1971–1975 later this year.)

List of Journals Indexed

The 1976 edition of the *List of Journals Indexed in Index Medicus* is now available from the Superintendent of Documents. Price: $2.40 ($3.00 foreign). HE 20.3612/4:976; S/N-017-052-00167-1. (The abbreviation and full title listings of journals are also carried in *Index Medicus*, January, Part I; this separate publication, however, also includes a list of additions and changes during 1975, subject listing, and geographic listing.)

Index of Rheumatology

The Arthritis Foundation has announced ordering information for the *1975 Annual Index of Rheumatology*, which will appear early this Spring. Price: $10.00. Send orders to: The Arthritis Foundation, Attn: Director of Finance, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027. (The *Index of Rheumatology* is a Recurring Bibliography, produced in cooperation with NLM.)

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American Orthoptic Journal 10, 1960.
American Surgical Dealer 59–61, 1972–74.
ASM News 34, 1968.
Bulletin; Association of Military Dermatologists 16–21, 1967–72.
Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research 35, 1964.
Clinical Pediatrics 9:6, 1970.
Harrisburg Hospital Bulletin 17, 1973.
ICEA News 1973–75.
JOGN Nursing 1:Nov./Dec., 1972.
Journal of Family Counseling 1, 1973.
Journal of the Indiana Dental Association 42:6, 1963; 51:2, 5, 6, 10–12, 1972.
Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia 54:8 ,10; 1965; 61:2, 3, 1972.
Journal of the Michigan Dental Association 52:1–5, 1970; 54:5, 6, 10, 1972; 55:2, 6, 8, 10, 14, 18, 20, 1973.
Journal of Molecular Biology 6:1–3, 1963.
Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy 50:1–3, 1973.
Journal. National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals 5:2–4,1973.
Journal of the New Jersey Dental Association 39:9, 1968; 41:9, 1970; 45:3, 4, 1974.
Journal of Nursing Education 2:1, 2, 4, 1963; 9:4, 1970.
Medicine Technicians–Technologist 1:2, 1974.
Michigan Hospitals 6:Jan., 1970; 7:Jan., 1971.
Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly; Health and Society 43:4 part 2, 1965; 44:1, 3 part 2, 1966.
Nature. New Biology 229:6, 8, 1971; 230:11, 13, 1971; 243:123, 1973.
New Zealand Veterinary Journal 20:4, 1972.
Science Forum 7, 1974.
Southern Medical Journal 66:3, 1973.
Update 1–3, 1968–71.

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